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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1953.

June 1954.

To the Chairman & Councillors of the
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

It is my honour and privilege to present the annual report on the health and vital statistics for the year 1953. Incorporated with the report is that of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, Mr. Shipp, showing details of the sanitary circumstances of the district and the inspection duties performed by himself and the Staff.

Mr. Shipp entered upon his duties in December 1953, following the resignation of Mr. Piper.

Referring to the details of notifiable infectious diseases the incidence was not excessive. The increase in measles notifications was anticipated and similar to that in neighbouring districts. There were no enteric infections notified, and no case of food poisoning or diphtheria came to the notice of the Health Department.

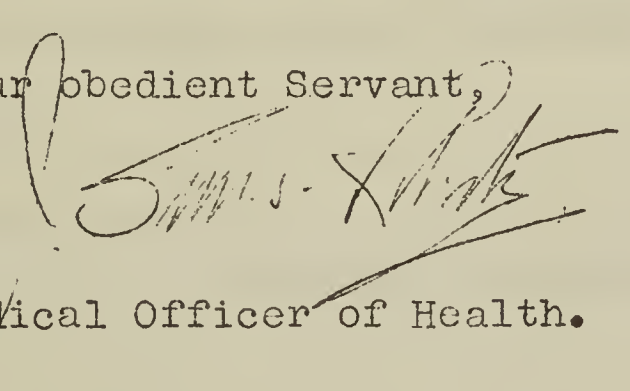
There was no necessity to take any action during the year under the National Assistance Act 1948 Section 47 (1).

It is gratifying to note that the comprehensive sewerage schemes serving Winslow, Stewkley, Great and Little Horwood, Drayton Praslow and North Marston, are encouraging a notable increase in the building of good class property. Furthermore, property owners are seizing the opportunity to bring their houses up to a high standard, improving sanitation and modernising kitchens. Reports to date from the new disposal plant effluents are excellent.

I welcome this opportunity to thank the Council, especially the Public Health Committee, and the Staff as a whole for their continued co-operation, vigilance and assistance.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1953.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts. M.B. Ch.B.
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Barrister at Law.

Medical Officer under Poor Law

Act. Dr. P.F. Rudd.

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor
(From 1st Dec. 53.)

Mr. C.S. Piper. F.R.I.C.S., M.R.S.I.
Mr. N.J. Shipp, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. N.J. Shipp, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Public Health Clerks.

Miss F. Verrall.
Mr. P. Taylour.

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1953.

		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	Legitimate	108	57	51	102	51	51
	Illegitimate	4	2	2	8	5	3
<u>Still Births</u>	Legitimate	3	3	-	3	-	3
		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population		14.9			14.6		
Birth Rate (corrected)		16.8			16.5		
Total (live & still) Birth Rate per 1,000							
	Estimated population	15.3			15.0		
Birth Rate for England & Wales		15.3			15.5		
		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths		98	55	43	135	65	68
		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population		13.0			17.6		
Standard Death Rate		9.6			13.0		
Death Rate for England & Wales		11.3			11.4		
<u>Death Rate of Infants under one year of age</u>		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate		2	1	1	-	-	-
Illegitimate		-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
<u>Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.</u>							
<u>All Infants</u> per 1,000 live births		17.8			-		
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate							
	live births	17.8			-		
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate							
	live births	-			-		
<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.</u>		<u>1952.</u>			<u>1953.</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate		2	1	1	-	-	-
Illegitimate		-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>GENERAL STATISTICS.</u>							
Area (in acres)					36420		
Population					7550		
Number of inhabited houses at 31st. December 1953					2490		
					(according to Rate Book).		
Rateable Value (31st. December 1953)					£32993		
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st. March 1953)					£121 - 14 - 1		

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 248 cases were reported of which two were treated in hospital.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during 1953.

	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
Measles	55	201
Pneumonia	3	3
Whooping Cough	1	12
Scarlet Fever	6	29

Tuberculosis (Respiratory) New Cases.

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Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

Total number of outbreaks	NIL.
Number of cases	NIL.
Number of deaths	NIL.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4.
" " lung, bronchus	2.
" " uterus	2.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	13.
Diabetes	1.
Vascular lesions of nervous system	19.
Coronary diseases angina	14.
Hypertension with heart disease	2.
Other heart disease	41.
Other circulatory disease	5.
Influenza	1.
Pneumonia	2.
Bronchitis	7.
Other diseases of respiratory system	1.
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3.
Gastritis and diarrhoea	1.
Nephritis & nephrosis	1.
Hyperplasia of prostate	1.
Other defined & ill defined diseases	12.
Suicide	1.
	133.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospitals.

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals Aylesbury. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital, or one of the Isolation Hospitals in the Oxford Camp.

These three hospitals are administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to the Stoke Mandeville or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable.

Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospitals within the Oxford Region when there is no accommodation locally.

Pathological Specimens.

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

Ambulance Services.

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Five ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding district. Included in this number is a sitting case ambulance.

Maternity & Child Welfare.

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow, and a Mobile Welfare Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne.

Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation.

The Bucks County Council, being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act 1946, administer this service.

Treatment of Venereal Disease.

A Venereal Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 Section 47 (1). Removal of persons in need of Care and Attention.

It was not necessary to remove any case to hospital under this Act during the year.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1953.

During the year following the completion of the sewerage schemes, there has been little change in the general sanitary conditions.

My service as Chief Sanitary Inspector to the Council dates from the 1st. December 1953 when I commenced duty on the departure of the Council's former Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor, Mr. C.S. Pipe.

I would like to thank all members of the Council and Staff for the help given since that date.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Public Health and Planning Committee.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The following new connections to the Bucks Water Board mains have been reported during 1953.

Drayton Parslow	3.	Nash	3.
Dunton	2.	Newton Longville	14.
East Claydon	4.	North Marston	5.
Granborough	1.	Shenley Brook End	1.
Great Horwood	1.	Stewkley	2.
Hoggeston	-	Swanbourne	-
Hogshaw	1.	Tattenhoe	-
Little Horwood	1.	Whaddon	3.
Mursley	2.	Winslow	14.

Of these, 4 properties were connected following the service of Statutory Notices.

I am indebted to the Bucks Water Board for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the area has been at all times satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.
2. Raw water is sampled at approximately monthly intervals. All reports have been satisfactory.
3. Samples of the water from the distributing mains serving this district are taken monthly. All have been satisfactory.
4. Chemical Samples are taken quarterly at the source. All satisfactory.
5. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

Particulars of water supply are shown parochially as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Dwelling Houses on Main.</u>	<u>Est. Pop.</u>	<u>No. of Stand Pipes.</u>	<u>Est. Pop.</u>
Drayton Parslow	94.	340.	5.	18.
Dunton	17.	52.	3.	11.
East Claydon	78.	325.	4.	10.
Granborough	67.	230.	4.	12.
Great Horwood	147.	512.	18.	36.
Hoggeston	16.	52.	2.	5.
Hogshaw	1.	32.	-	-
Little Horwood	63.	251.	8.	22.
Mursley	89.	340.	9.	39.
Nash	60.	220.	3.	6.
Newton Longville	152.	550.	11.	37.
North Marston	133.	460.	2.	5.
Shenley Brook End	46.	172.	2.	6.
Stewkley	243.	659.	10.	43.
Swanbourne	77.	257.	-	-
Tattenhoe	3.	13.	-	-
Whaddon	75.	290.	7.	25.
Winslow	414.	1532.	20.	68.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

No new schemes have been completed for inclusion in this years report. All the Council's major works continue to produce excellent effluents. Owners continue to take advantage of the facilities available by carrying out improvements to their properties, such as the installation of bathrooms and modern kitchens.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS.

Routine inspections of all butcher's shops and shops selling or preparing food have been carried out. No slaughter-houses operate within the area. Eight premises in the district used for the manufacture of sausages are registered under Sec. 14 of the Food and Drugs Act.

Unfit food condemned during the year amounted to approx. 549. lbs. and was made up as follows:-

<u>Tins.</u>	<u>Other Food.</u>
Fruit 102½ lbs.	Stuffing 7 lbs.
Meat 24 lbs.	Potatoes 224 lbs.
Beef Loaf 42½ lbs.	Beans 38 lbs.
Milk 49½ lbs.	Pies 30 lbs.
	Meat 24½ lbs.

Condemned food is disposed of on the Council's refuse tip.

ICE CREAM.

There are no premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured. Seventeen retailers are registered, all of whom sell well known brands of pre-packed ice-cream. Routine inspection has shown no cause for complaint.

PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Routine inspection of premises used for the preparation of food, chiefly small cafes and hotels, has shown a generally satisfactory standard.

BYELAWS (Food & Drugs Act, 1938 Sec.15).

These byelaws are being satisfactorily complied with and so far as it has not been found necessary to undertake any action other than of an informal nature.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases have been notified during 1953.

MILK & DAIRIES.

Retail dairies are the subject of routine inspection. Seven premises are registered in the district.

The only complaints received during the year were regarding damaged and dirty milk bottles. In these cases informal action secured the necessary improvement.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.

The service continues to operate satisfactorily.

The larger capacity vehicle came into use during the year and has greatly assisted in coping with an increasing amount of refuse. It must be remembered that with house building at its present rate, the bulk of refuse and the number of calls to be made is continually rising. 6.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

CATEGORY 1	Fit in all respects	37%
" 11	Minor repairs required	29%
" 111	Major repairs required	26%
" 1V	Suitable for reconstruction under R.W. Acts	3%
" V	Not repairable at reasonable expense	5%

HOUSING.

Every effort continues to be made to get owners to execute essential repairs. In some cases negotiations take considerable time due to the high costs involved.

Action taken during the year has resulted in the following:-

Housing Act 1936.

Demolished as a result of Statutory Action 5.
Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given under Section 11 1.

Housing Act 1936 & Public Health Act 1936.

Rendered fit as a result of Informal Action 13.
Rendered fit as a result of Statutory Action 4.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Number of Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7.	14.	NIL.	NIL.
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	12.	25.	NIL.	NIL.
TOTAL	19.	39.	NIL.	NIL.

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Found	Remedied	Referred		Pros.
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	NIL.		NIL.

No. of Outworkers.

Wearing Apparel (Making etc.) 1.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1953.

Housing	249.
Water Supplies	33.
Milk & Dairies	20.
Sewers & Drains	182.
Refuse Tips (including Salvage)	43.
Nuisances abated	29.
Inspections re Sanitary Accommodation	43.
Bakehouses	7.
W.C. Conversions	12.
Infectious Disease Visits	18.

